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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: Charles E. Allen
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SUBJECT: Proposed Articles for DCI's Bi-weekly Warning Report

1. My staff and I decided today that the following items warrant attention in the next edition of our Bi-weekly Warning Report for the Director, which you should receive on or about 19 October. Note that we often find--due to more detailed investigation, further consideration, changing events, or adequate coverage by the Community--that some issues ultimately do not meet our criteria for warning the DCI. Thus, you may not again see all of these topics:

- o Yugoslavia. Serbian nationalist fervor and a host of other problems--including the economy and military threats to the leadership of Slovenia--pose a growing threat to the integrity of the country. A political crisis could occur at the national Communist party plenum this month, while ethnic unrest in Serbia could escalate out of control, perhaps eventually into civil war.
- o Biological Weapons. Several Middle Eastern nations, led by Iraq, are developing a biological warfare capability. This development increases the dangers in the already volatile region.
- o South Korea. President Roh is caught between conflicting Korean interests that could lead him to backtrack on democratic reforms, risking a popular backlash and international criticism of this key US ally.
- o Somalia. President Siad's continuing inability to control the rebellion endangers the security of Berbera, where the United States has basing rights. Siad's turn to the USSR and Libya for support against the insurgents may endanger US interests even if he puts down the revolt.

2. I will add warning issues to the Report as events warrant and invite both your comments on our selections and suggestions for other articles.

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